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RSC plans learning village

Closing Marine base may benefit future students

By Sheri Behbahani
el Don News Editor

A partnership of local educational institutions will create a unique way to educate students by the year 2,000, according to RSC

Chancellor Vivian Blevins.

Addressing the RSC Board of Trustees Sept. 26, Blevins presented the concept, known as the International Learning Village.

The proposed site for the village is the Tustin Marine Base, which is scheduled to close within the next few years. RSC's plan calls for a multi-cultural educational facility, designed for life-long learning from birth to adulthood. It would give students an opportunity to receive college degrees and job placement, as well as provide them with living quarters.

"We wanted to put together an experimental learning village with an international focus," Blevins said.

According to Blevins, the idea of the International Learning Village was conceived in October, 1993, after she and her associates heard that the Tustin Base would be closing and applications were being accepted as to what should be put on the land.

Blevins stated that RSC has received support for the Learning Village from several other colleges and universities, including UCI's Department of Education and Saddleback Community College, which have

agreed to work with Rancho to make the village come to life by the end of the century.

"It's a partnership with Santa Ana Unified School District, Orange County Department of Education and Saddleback College, with Rancho and Saddleback really taking the lead," said Blevins.

Besides being an educational system, the village would also offer numerous services to students while they are getting an education.

"It would give our students an opportunity to get involved in a host of programming that we don't have space for here," commented Blevins.

Parking woes pain in the gas

By Mistala Mendez
el Don Staff Writer

Parking is a nightmare. You're in your car searching for a place to park. You look at the clock and you have 15 minutes until class starts. You drive up an aisle slowly hoping that someone is leaving but there's no spot available. So you try the next one and the next. Still no luck. It's now five minutes until class starts and you're beginning to panic. You hit every aisle in the front and back lots. You're desperate.

You're at Rancho Santiago College.

With 23,125 students at RSC and only 3,000 parking spaces available, it becomes easy to be part of the parking nightmare at one time or another.

"Parking is such a hassle," said RSC student Adriana Fernandez. "I live seven minutes away and have to leave half an hour early to get a spot in the back."

At 8 a.m. there are several parking spaces to choose from on campus. Between 9 and 11 a.m. parking becomes more a game of chance than a first-come, first-serve proposition. "I've had to park on the street and I have a parking sticker," said RSC student Daniel Arreola.

With a \$16 parking sticker, students can park in one of five lots on campus or the overflow lot at the First

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All That Jazz...



Alex Do / el Don photo

Music major Jorge Munoz took advantage of the great weather Thursday, by practicing on his trombone outdoors near the music lab. Munoz plays in RSC's jazz band.

COPING WITH CULTURAL BIAS

Part II of this series focuses on the racial bias many black students face at white universities. Many African-American students find coping with college life frustrating and unfair.

Eugene Williams a recent graduate of Emory University in Atlanta says that black students are still victims of racism, both subtle and obvious, on campus. He personally recalls being questioned on a paper about a William Faulkner novel. "My professor said I had plagiarized because the paper was 'too good,'" he says. "It was like I was unable to write a great

"You must establish a positive self image and continue to work toward reaching your goals, regardless of what others think."

Wanda Ruffin, psychologist, Hood College

paper on my own. She wanted to see all of my sources because she thought that the paper was 'too good' to come from a black student."

Starting this fall, black students at Penn State have a new support group in which to turn for help—the African-American Alumni Interest Group (AAAIG). "We're looking for

ways to strengthen the ties between black American alumni and black American students at Penn State," says AAAIG president Donald Campbell. "We want to enrich their college experience and enhance their career options."

The group formed out of an African Amer-

ican Alumni conference last October, after Penn State graduates saw a need to help support the next generation of African-American students. But AAAIG members plan to be more than just the givers of advice for the school's black students. In fact, Campbell, who is president and CEO of Century Technologies, says the group has a number of goals. "We want to assist Penn State in the recruitment of African-American students, faculty and staff," he says. "We're hoping to get involved with financial aid as much as possible." Please see BIAS, Page 3

Campus / Briefly

Steve Roden to speak at RSC Art Forum

Steve Roden, painter, sculptor and musician will discuss his works at the RSC Art Forum on Oct. 10 from 12 to 2 p.m. in room C-104 at the Santa Ana Campus. Roden is an accomplished musician who has written for dance, performance art, films and theatre. His music has been heard in Europe on compilations and he has performed in Japan.

Feed Me Seymour

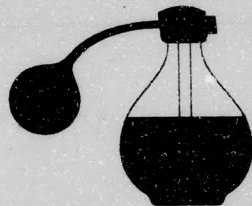
RSC Theatre Arts department production of the "Little Shop of Horrors" hits the stage of Phillips Hall Theatre at the Santa Ana campus. Performances will be held at 8 p.m. on Oct. 7, 8 and 13 to 15. Matinees are scheduled for Oct. 9 and 16 at 2:30 p.m. Ticket prices are \$10 general admission, \$8 for students, staff and senior citizens, and \$6 for children under 12.

Smells Like School Spirit

ORLANDO(CPS)-The Campus Collection is a line of men's colognes. Each fragrance is designed specifically for the traditions of the school it represents. University of Florida's "Gator" has a cool, citrus scent, the University of Miami's "Hurricane" captures the "scent before the storm-a light citrus blend with a sea accord."

The new product line is the brainchild of 25-year-old University of Michigan alumnus Peter Lamaka. In 1993, he came up with the idea; this year he is president of a business that is projecting \$5 million in sales.

Inventive Ideas



"I was walking through a shopping mall when I came up with the idea," explains the former New York investment bank worker turned fragrance executive. "I walked through the licensed products area of a store and then past a fragrance counter. I basically said, 'Wouldn't it be cool if somebody put the (University of) Michigan logo on a bottle of cologne.'"

He approached his alma mater about licensing arrangements, and they told him to go for it. His company, Wilshire Fragrance, Inc., was hatched. At the end of his first year, he had sold \$100,000 worth of cologne.

Now the unique fragrances are developed, marketed and distributed with the assistance of Quintessence. Access to their large laboratory facilities allowed Lamaka to speed up production. Today there are 50 school fragrances and by Mother's Day 1995, a women's line will be launched.

Marketing and distribution are also more sophisticated. The company hired the National Basketball Association's Rookie of the Year, Chris Webber, as their national advertising spokesperson.

The Campus Collection sells at \$24 for a 2-ounce spray bottle.

-Compiled by Darlyn Lee

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Up, up and away...



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Under hazy skies, a giant dragon with super-heated air rises to join the more than 80 other balloons at the first annual Smith's Festival of Ballooning on Tustin Ranch last weekend. The event drew more than 100,000 visitors from around the southland..

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PARKING: lot is not always full officials say

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Christian Church on the corner of Bristol and College Avenue.

"This lot has been available for three years but this is the first time signs have been posted," said J.R. Johnson, Director of District Safety.

Another option is to pay \$1 a day to park in either of the two metered parking lots.

Depending on how often a person is on campus, \$16 may seem expensive to pay. But not only does this fee permit you to park in designated areas on campus, it also includes services available at no extra charge. Among these services is assistance with flat tires, jump-starting dead batteries, retrieving keys locked in cars and providing ongoing security.

Compared to other community colleges, RSC has the lowest parking fees this semester. Orange Coast, Golden West, Saddleback and Fullerton all sell parking stickers for \$20.

If students choose not to buy stickers they can park on campus and hope they don't receive citations. The Safety Department is authorized to issue traffic and parking citations on district premises for those violating

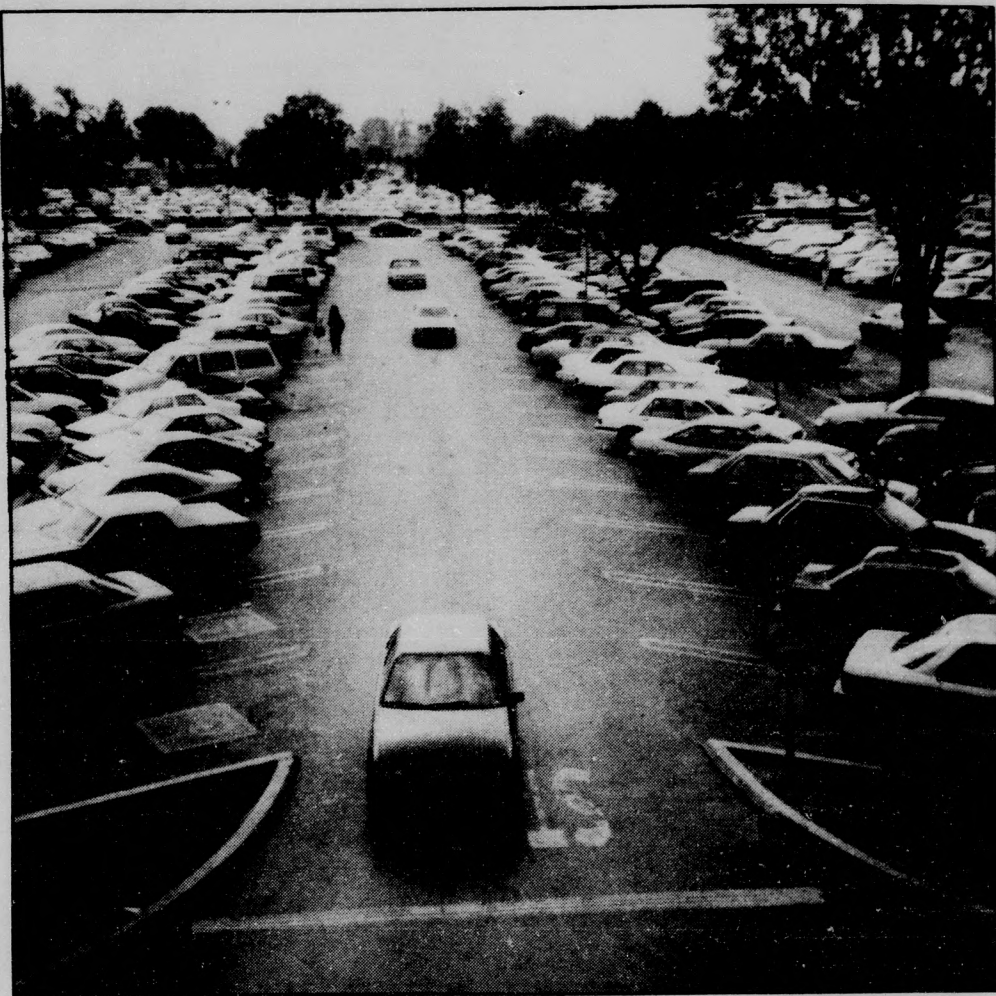
the California Vehicle Code or regulations set forth by the college district.

The fine for not displaying a current parking sticker is \$20. The money collected from these citations goes towards a special fund for safety and parking.

According to Johnson, in the past funds have gone towards better lighting, platforms for security observation of vehicles and more student assistants. The yellow emergency call boxes around campus were also paid for by this fund. Another option to avoid paying for a sticker is to park along College Avenue. "I don't think it is a good idea," said Johnson. "This area is not part of the college and isn't patrolled."

One student feels class scheduling is one of the reasons why parking is difficult. "I think classes should be spread out more because too many people are attending class at the same time," said first year student Nora Ayala.

Despite students' comments on the difficulty of finding a parking spot, Johnson said there has never been a day when every spot is taken. Students are having difficulty finding spots because they aren't checking in the back lots and across the street, he added.



Steve Castaneda / el Don Photo

Well into the seventh week of school, the parking situation hasn't changed. Spots fill up quickly and are hard to find, but fear not. If you are willing to hike to class, there are spots in the far corners of campus.

BIAS:

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we can, too."

Johnson says one of the problems he had his freshman year was the additional burden of achieving success. "I felt like people were looking at me to see how black people did in general," he says. "I was in classes where there would be only three African-Americans. I felt like if I failed a quiz, people would think all African American students were stupid."

That additional pressure is often a problem for African-American

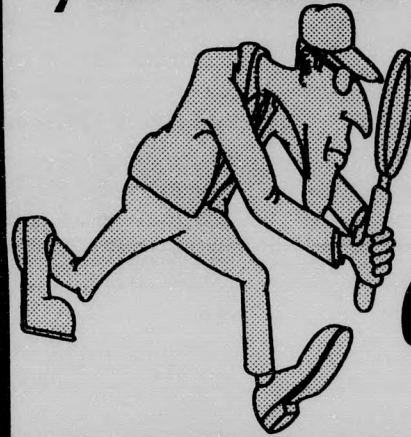
students, and Wanda Ruffin says students should be prepared for it. "You may be perceived as representing your race and not yourself. Ignore that mandate. You are an individual, not a race," she says, adding that she disputes critics who believe academic standards have been lowered for African-American students. "You must establish a positive self image and continue to work toward reaching your goals, regardless of what others think."

Johnson also says that he was expected to be the "black voice" in some of his classes, especially those that dealt with social issues. "I had

a sociology class where other students would always ask me what black people thought of the situation," he says. "I don't have the authority to speak for all black people. I can only speak for myself."

Bass agrees, stressing that each student should remain true to their own individuality. "Be your own person," she says. "There is no one African-American experience just like there is no one Native American experience or Asian-American experience. And since there is no one experience, you do not have to serve as the spokesperson for your group."

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Chit Chat

NICE ANNE RICE: Maybe you're all as anxious as I am to see Anne Rice's sensual, bombastic book, *Interview With The Vampire*, premiere on film Nov. 11. Filming was bloodied by controversy, particularly over the casting of Tom Cruise as Lestat. I'm happy to report that Anne Rice, the book's author, has purchased advertising space in major publications to announce a personal statement regarding the motion picture. She now backs the film 100 percent and challenges its critics. Since viewing the film, she's retracted negative statements about Cruise, but now takes it a step further. Due to space limitations we are unable to publish her statement - it's long but worth the read. Check out *Daily Variety's* Sept. 23, 1994 edition or the *L.A. Times Calendar* section dated Oct. 2, 1994. Anne - you're a stud!

Sound Bites

AIDS MEMORIAL CONCERT: In a special program dedicated to all who have lost their lives to AIDS, the Master Chorale of Orange County opens their 39th season on Oct. 15 at the Orange County Performing Arts Center. Ned Rorem's *Love Alone*, Brahms' *Alto Rhapsody* and Faure's *Requiem* will be performed, joined by the Gay Mens Chorus of Los Angeles. The music is meant to comfort and offer support to people who have lost loved ones to this horrific disease. Touch your heart and lift your spirit with the beautiful music of remembrance. Tickets available at Ticketmaster and the box office. \$15-\$40.

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- Compiled by Gina Reidinger

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U DROP

Little Shop of Horrors premieres tonight at RSC's Phillips Hall proving comedy is a palatable production

By Michelle Cochrane
el Don Staff Writer

Perhaps your morbid curiosity was piqued by recent reports of the "flesh eating virus," but you find you're hungry for a little more gore. Well, be warned, a manic botanic is hiding on campus, and it has the need to feed.

RSC's theatre department is charged with nervous energy as the cast of *Little Shop of Horrors* rehearses for the gruesome musical comedy which premieres tonight at Phillips Hall Theatre. Actors have been preparing over the last six weeks to tell the tale of the carnivorous, bad-to-the-bone, flesh eating venus fly-trap.

See "Audrey II" flap her jaws as Seymour tries to satiate the ravenous appetite of the exotic potted plant, which is more vampire than vegetable.

This suspenseful, humorous dazzler will keep you craving for more.

Sure to charm his audience, Brian J. McMillan makes his debut at RSC in the role of Seymour. McMillan brings over five years of acting experience to the production and is familiar with his character.

"I am really excited to have the part of Seymour. I've never known a role so well," said McMillan.

"Seymour does immoral things for a moral cause; he's a hero. He learns the most in an ethical sense, but his super objective is the most logical," he said.

Ashlee Lewis, also with over five years dramatic background, is also making her debut at RSC tonight as Audrey, Seymour's love interest.

"Little Shop of Horrors was the first musical I ever saw and is what inspired me to act. I saw it and thought, God, I have to get up there and do that. So playing Audrey is a



Alex Romero / el Don Photo

SUDDENLY SEYMOUR

Love is in bloom as Seymour and Audrey serenade each other next to Mushnik's peculiar shop of horrors."

dream come true for me," said Lewis.

The show combines both gore and romance. When asked about the kissing scene she's required to do, Lewis laughed.

"Brian and I have been best friends for five years, so it's kind of weird. It's okay if I put myself in total character. We have to keep our eyes closed for the kiss, which is good because it stops me from laughing," she said.

The third lead role is played by Jeffrey M. King. He plays Mushnik, the shop owner. King has been performing for seven years and is a graduate of the RSC Professional Actor's Conservatory.

"This will be my first lead role for the college and I'm really happy about it," said King, who has dyed

his hair for the part.

A lot of preparation is required for the roles in addition to the nightly four hour rehearsals.

"I've changed my walk a bit for Mushnik by making it more stiff and hunched. I also stick my stomach out to keep my pants up, and then later, as the story progresses, I tone him up a bit," said King.

Besides remembering all their lines, the actors also undergo mental and physical preparation for their roles.

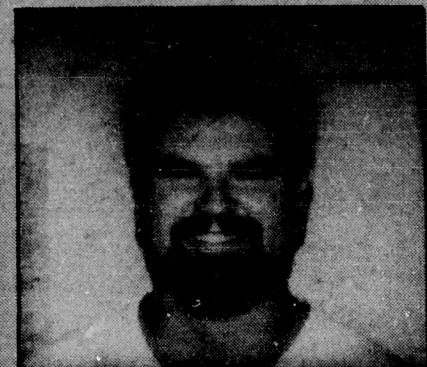
"An hour and a half before make-up, I start with a physical warm-up, breathing, stretching and yoga. As I put my make-up on I feel the character coming to life. Then as I put the costume on I immerse myself into the character completely," said King.



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Playing For Keeps

By Donna E. Rickard
el Don Staff Writer

**You can win the college game
all you need is a little know-how**

Sure, you're a serious player. You're playing to win. Registration is over, and classes have begun. You're not overwhelmed or even a little fearful. The college degree is almost in your pocket. Well, consider this: every year, more than 380,000 students (or nearly 40 percent) drop or fail out of college.

This is a sobering statistic. According to the Department of Education, a college graduate earns 30 percent more than a high school graduate. In addition, college graduates enjoy greater career choices and opportunities. Companies prefer hiring degreed candidates. And because minimum education levels are rising for nearly every occupation, the chances of being unemployed are greater if you don't have enough education.

A Lifelong Process

Well aware of these advantages, older students are returning to college in record numbers, comprising a significant portion of the student body. The National Center for Educational Statistics reports that more than 50 percent of college students are over 25, with the average age being 30. College Survival, a workshop facilitated by Gloria Davenport, Ph.D., is directly geared toward this trend.

"Learning is about change, growing, and making a difference," said Gloria. "Many students return to school to rebuild their lives. I have seen miraculous changes." Education is becoming more broadly understood as a lifelong process, and a requirement for personal happiness and success. It's real goal is development of potential.

"However, a cause for concern is the movement toward the junior college, rather than the community college concept," she added. "The junior college emphasis is on the younger student, remedial skills, and transfer. The community college's educational goals are comprehensive and include the lifelong learning concept."



Why Students Fail

Besides not recognizing the value of education, some students have been poorly prepared for college, especially for the high academic standards and tough performance demands.

Others don't possess the necessary skills required to be successful, or are educationally disadvantaged. College success is highly related to communication skills, which continually stress effective reading, writing, speaking, and listening.

Many students lack discipline, and underestimate the amount of effort needed to succeed. Highly responsible, organized, and systematic work habits are necessary.

Still another stumbling block is the student's failure to assume responsibility. The point is not how good the professor is, but the resourcefulness of the student. Students need to know their own learning style, particularly if it differs from the instructor's style of teaching, so they can get what they need to learn.

One integral characteristic was found to be shared by all underachievers: low self esteem or a damaged concept of themselves. The strongest obstacle to success is not lack of talent or ability, but a lack of confidence that you can obtain your goals.

Tips for Success In College

Successful students:

- Organize and plan their time.
- Study regularly.
- Attend all classes.
- Prepare for each class in advance.
- Ask thoughtful questions during class.
- Take good lecture notes.
- Know test dates and when papers or projects are due, then turn them in on time.

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Gang violence isn't something to ignore

A couple of weeks ago, five youths were involved in a drive-by shooting only two blocks away from RSC's main campus. The story didn't make the headlines, nor did it even find a place on the second page. The public and the media is so numb to gang-related deaths that the story of Javier "Speedy" Valdez's murder got pushed off to the second page of the second section of the newspaper. The fact that "Speedy" was 16 years old and killed while walking in his own neighborhood doesn't seem to faze the general public anymore. We feel that stories like this need to be pushed into the forefront of the public eye until action is taken to stop the killing of our children.

The general public, especially the adults of our community, must stop taking these deaths so nonchalantly. We get so wound up in being college students, teachers, parents, and individuals to remember that we are also a member of a larger community. To take a small amount of time to communicate with our congressman, or write a check to a local charity is such a small way to help our youths in trouble. Yet how many of us just skip the story in the newspaper about another kid shot down by a gang member's bullet.

As the parents and future parents of children susceptible to the attractions of gang life, we can no longer ignore this debilitation of our future. If you think your kid wouldn't get involved in gangs, ask Speedy's parents if they thought their kid's life would end at the hands of gang-bangers.

Gang-related violence isn't a topic that has any easy answers. Until we start paying attention to the deaths of our children instead of pushing them farther back into the newspapers and minds of the public, the issue won't go away, no matter how much we try.



Staff Editorials

Education village long time coming

RSC's inventive proposal of the International Learning Village is just what this college needs.

It calls for an educational facility to be built on the Tustin Marine base by the beginning of the 21st Century.

Basically, students are going to live and learn. They would be provided with an education from kindergarten through college level courses.

These days, all we seem to hear about is how education is suffering because of budget cuts and class closures. Isn't it about time we hear some good news? Isn't it time to learn about something which will benefit students instead of working to their disadvantage?

Getting an education has become a battle. Students are witnessing classes and basic services disappear



right before their eyes. It's just not a fair game anymore.

The village can be a great opportunity for students, providing them with services that cannot be offered at a tradi-

tional campus. It would put RSC on the forefront of educational reform.

We hope that the government will approve the plan for this project and give Rancho

the chance to help future students succeed.

As students, we are proud of the initiative taken by RSC administrators and staff.

Staff Editorials

Sending feds to border a good move for state

It looks like the federal government hasn't forgotten about California's problems after all. By temporarily closing the San Clemente checkpoint and sending the staff to Tijuana's fence-line and other border locations, the feds are at least temporarily stopping the overflow of border-crossers at the source.

We realize that it's going to take a few months to see if the transfer of personnel will actually make a difference in our immigration problems. We also understand that there are going to be some people unhappy about the tightening of the borders. At least the bureaucrats in Washington are doing something besides blowing a lot of hot air over this topic.

Speaking of hot air, if we could just get Clinton to help us out with the outrageous health and education bills these illegal visitors accrue every year, we'd have it made.

Sports

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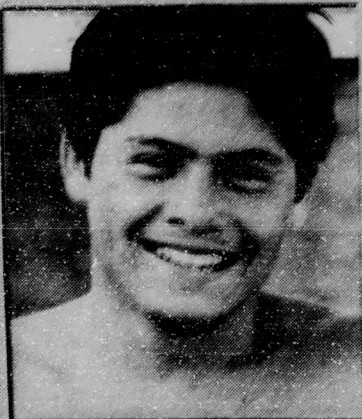
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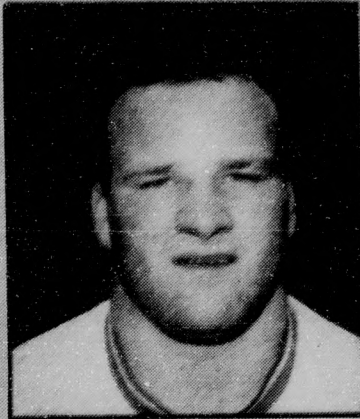
MIKE GONZALEZ: SO, a goaltender from Tustin High School.



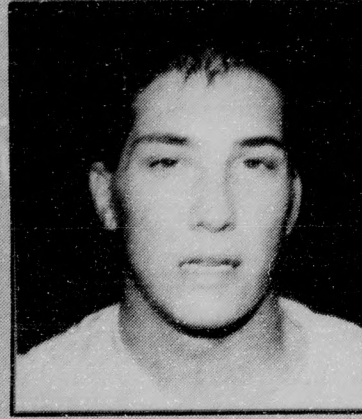
DAVID VEGA: FR, offense from Valley High School.

DONS WATER POLO

NUMBER	NAME	YR	SCHOOL
16	John Agosta	FR	Santiago High
9	Bobby Atondo	FR	Los Amigos High
18	Noel Baggett	FR	Santiago High
12	Robert Duval	FR	El Toro High
7	Chad Gniffke	SO	Foothill High
1	Mike Gonzalez	SO	Tustin High
1A	Russel Grimes	FR	Rancho Alamitos High
2	Nate Julson	SO	El Toro High
6	Joseph Kim	FR	Orange High
3	John Montrell	FR	El Modena High
15	John Naigle	FR	Costa Mesa High
5	Jason Peterson	FR	Oregon
17	Jafattle Rosales	FR	Valencia High
8	Eric Tucker	SO	Huntington Beach High
13	Mario Valenzuela	SO	Saddleback High
11	David Vega	FR	Valley High
4	Omar Vega	R	Valley High
19	Ryan West	FR	Corona High
10	Keith Wood	FR	Huntington Beach High



MATT PADGETT: 1993 Junior College State Champ from Canyon High.



TERRY TUZZOLINO: ranked 2nd in state from Capo Valley High.

DONS WRESTLING

NAME	WT	SCHOOL
Richard Harvey	118 lbs.	El Dorado High
Ronald Orellana	118 lbs.	Santa Ana High
Jamie Lopez	126 lbs.	Valencia High
Rigad Jlda	126 lbs.	San Clemente High
Jason Allen	126 lbs.	Canyon High
Shane Holloway	134 lbs.	Saddleback High
Johnny Torres	134 lbs.	Central High
Alfredo Frausto	142 lbs.	Edison High
Tommy Noel	142 lbs.	El Dorado High
George Bartley	142 lbs.	University High
Jim Little	142 lbs.	Irvine High
John Witting	150 lbs.	San Clemente High
Victor Valencia	150 lbs.	Santa Ana High
Mark Ponesalik	150 lbs.	Edison High
Alec Laidlaw	158 lbs.	Capo Valley High
Adam Futami	158 lbs.	Edison High
Doug Reid	158 lbs.	Irvine High
Carlos Miranda	167 lbs.	Saddleback High
Matt Padgett	167 lbs.	Canyon High
Terry Tuzzolino	177 lbs.	Capo Valley High
Nayif Abdullah	190 lbs.	El Dorado High
Jason Sparks	190 lbs.	El Dorado High
James Gomez	190 lbs.	Century High
Kevin Burgess	heavyweight	San Clemente High

Scoreboard

Dons Wrestling 1994 Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT
9/16-17	Modesto Tourney*
9/23-24	Fresno City Tourney*
9/28	Cerritos
9/30	Rio Hondo
10/1	Cerritos Tourney*
10/5	San Bernardino Valley
10/12	Golden West
10/19	Palomar
10/22	North/South Dual Meet*
10/26	Mt. San Antonio
10/29	Palomar Dual Tourney*
11/4-5	Cal Poly Tourney*
11/9	Victor Valley
11/12	State Dual Championships*
11/19	So Cal Regionals*
12/2-3	State Championships*

* all day matches, all others are at 7:00 p.m.

Dons Water Polo 1994 Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT
9/14	Santa Monica College
9/16-17	Mt. SAC Tourney*
9/20	Fullerton
9/27	Mt. SAC
9/29	Chaffey
10/1	Long Beach Tourney*
10/4	Citrus
10/5	Cerritos
10/7	Grossmont
10/11	Orange Coast
10/12	Los Angeles Valley
10/14	BYE
10/18	Cypress
10/20	San Diego Mesa
10/21-22	Cypress Tourney*
10/25	Palomar College
10/28	Saddleback
10/29	Citrus Tourney*
11/4-5	Orange Empire Tourney*
11/11-12	So Cal Championship*
11/18-19	Cal State Championship*

* all day tournaments, all other matches begin at 3:30 p.m.

DONS WATERPOLO



Brian Copeland / el Don Photo

COACHING

Assistant coach Bobby Gaughran Jr. watches his team go against Cerritos College on Wednesday.

Water Polo: sinking or swimming?

By Brian Copeland
el Don Staff Writer

Unlike last fall, Coach Bob Gaughran has to depend on his young swimmers to find victory. The Dons water polo team is made up of 15 freshmen and 5 sophomores.

Last season, RSC relied on All-American Jeremy Yorba and standout Josh Routon for most of its offense. Yorba finished the fall as the career goal scoring leader at Rancho Santiago College. The team finished the season with 20 wins and third place in the Orange Empire Conference.

The Dons are 7-6 three weeks into the season. At home they defeated Santa Monica City College 18-10 and then swam five matches at the Mt. SAC pool-

play tourney. RSC sank SMCC again 10-2, then beat Palomar College 17-3 and Mt. SAC 14-6, all on Friday. On the following morning the Dons team lost to Citrus College 9-6 and then to Chaffey College 5-3.

"Our guys were simply tired on Saturday. Some of the other teams had four to five matches already this season," Coach Gaughran said.

On Monday the fatigue factor hadn't gone away as RSC lost its third straight match at Fullerton College, 8-7.

Dependable goalkeeper Mike Gonzales said afterwards, "We're not scoring goals. It's terrible that we haven't won all the games so far."

Since the Fullerton match, Rancho beat Mt. SAC again 14-2, San Diego Shores 22-12 and

Cerritos College 17-12. The Dons have also lost to LBCC 12-8, Grossmont College 13-9 and to Citrus College 12-6 on Tuesday.

RSC will be depending heavily on the offense of David Vega and Nate Julson for scoring. On the other end of the pool Mike Gonzales must remain superb at goal-tending with help from Chad Gniffke, John Montrella and Eric Tucker.

Following Wednesday's win assistant coach Bobby Gaughran Jr. said, "We're still playing with high intensity, but Jason Peterson, a freshman and potential scorer, has a broken finger."

RSC will open its Orange Empire Conference schedule today at Grossmont College in San Diego. Game time is at 3:30 p.m.

Dons strike again, beat Vikings 50-27 as Fuentes shines

By Chris Jones
el Don Staff Writer

EDDIE WEST FIELD. Santa Ana - RSC's rapidly-improving football team continued its strong play with a home-opening 50-27 victory over Long Beach City on Saturday.

Rancho (2-1) started slowly, spotting the Vikings a 13-6 first-quarter lead. But after scoring 17 unanswered points in the second quarter for a 23-13 halftime advantage, Rancho never looked back. RSC controlled the ball for nearly forty minutes, gaining 27 first downs and 497 yards in total offense.

Quarterback Simon Fuentes led the Rancho assault, passing for 245 yards and four touchdowns. The four scoring passes tied a school record set by Rich Fanti in 1990 and again in 1991.

Cornerback David Diaz turned the game around for RSC with a second-quarter interception that keyed the Dons' comeback. Fuentes scored on a 27-yard touchdown run on the ensuing series.

Rancho's defense also played well, holding the Vikings to 280 yards in total offense and sacking Viking quarterback Neil Aoga four times, three by freshman Dustin Williams.

"We knew what we had to do and we did it," said RSC head coach Dave Ogas. "Our guys had a great win against Palomar and I didn't want them to underestimate Long Beach, and they didn't."

The Dons travel to Riverside Saturday to take on the defending Mission Conference champion Tigers (1-2).

Riverside is off to a slow start but head coach Barry Meier isn't worried.

"We're not going to let it bother us," said Meier. "I know we're capable of winning the division again."

Game time at Wheelock Stadium is 7 p.m.

Volleyball loses to Mt. SAC

But Lady Dons dig in to beat Mt. San Jacinto College, 3-0

By Bernie Sanders
el Don Staff Writer

SANTA ANA CAMPUS - Rancho's women's volleyball team had the biggest challenge of the season to protect their undefeated record. Mount San Antonio proved to be the better of the two on Sept. 28 as they beat RSC in four games, 15-3, 15-7, 11-15, 15-4.

Mt. SAC was led by its Russian transfer student who led the Mounties in kills and blocks.

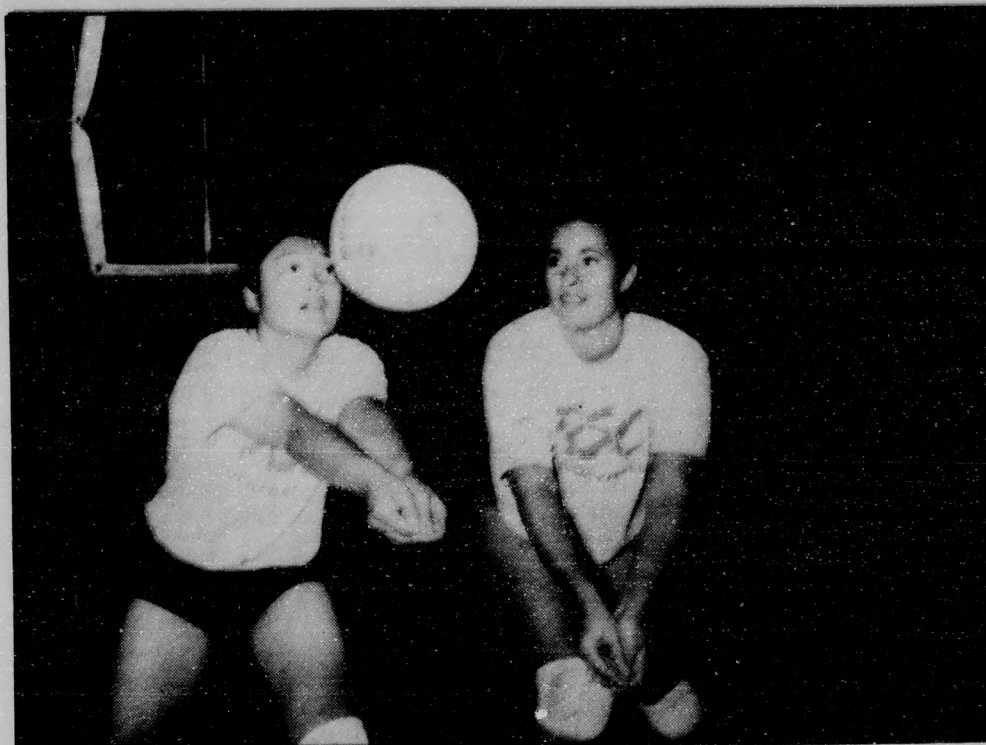
Sachie Hashimoto and Kathy Farina of RSC carried the team in assists with 16 and 13 respectively.

After Mt. SAC went up two games to none it appeared the last game would be a walk in the park, but Rancho mustered up a second wind when Farina made a diving save that turned the tide and the momentum as Rancho won, 15-11.

Yuki Inagaki led RSC in the dig department with 17.

Mt. SAC proved to be too much for the Dons when they wrapped up the final game, 15-4.

"We were out of sync that game," said Kim Thomson, who had six kills. The Dons' Brenda Parks, Ami



E. J. Campbell/el Don Photo

DIGGING IT UP!

Lady Dons Yuki Inagaki and Brenda Parks led the team in digs against Mt. San Jacinto last Friday.

Napier and Farina all finished the game with seven kills.

The loss dropped the Dons' record to 3-1.

In Friday's game against Mount San Jacinto, the Dons were looking for someone to take out their frustrations against after having their winning streak snapped.

Mt. SAC was the perfect candidate as RSC beat them in straight games, 15-9, 15-13, 15-4.

"We were back on top of our game, the

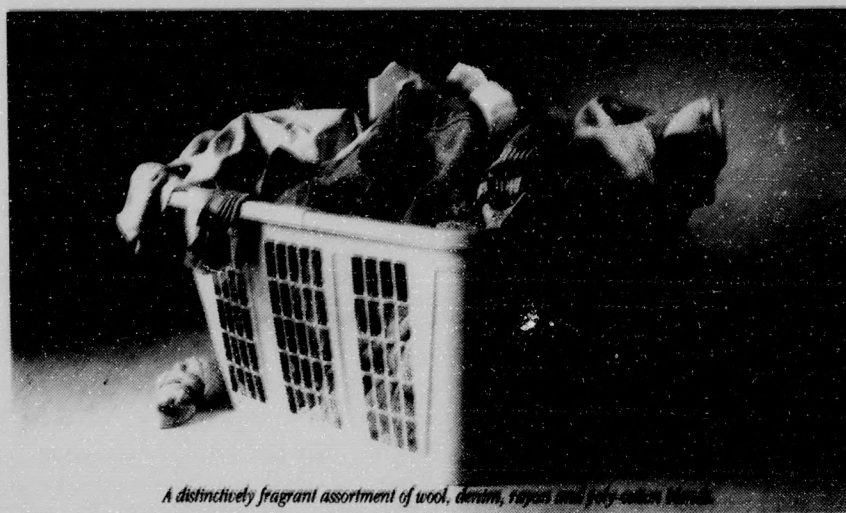
team played strong on our serve and we didn't let up during their service," said Parks, Rancho's leading outside hitter.

The Dons' Hashimoto led in assists again with 16.

Inagaki showed why she is the team's number one back row defensive specialist as led the team in digs with 15. Parks ended the match with 12 digs.

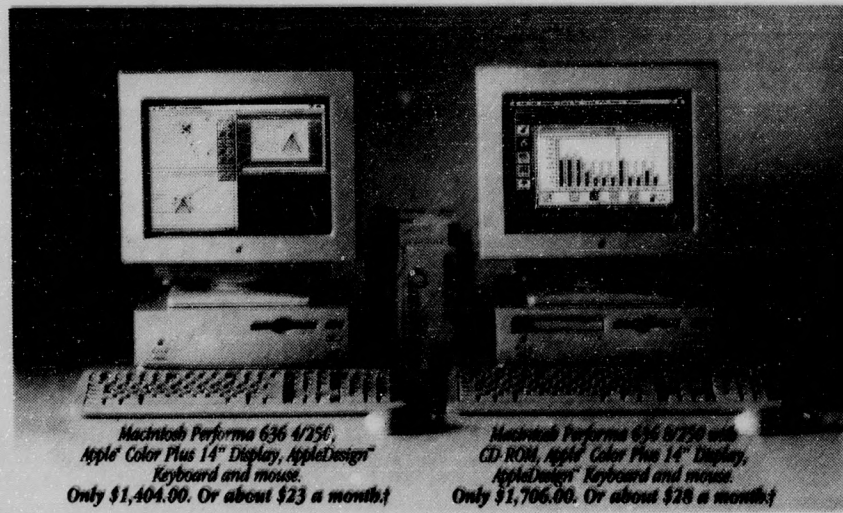
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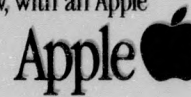
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